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WHEN WOMEN PRAY.

When women pray,
The dear Lord listens well. He only knows
How many piercing thorns fall in their way
For every rose.

He sees alone,
Of countless heavenly seeds their weak hands sow.
And tend with hope, how many fall for one
That cares to grow.

He, only He,
Can gauge the love that, faithful, waited on
Beside the Martyr's cross at Calvary
When all were gone.

The following is an affecting account of the death of a little boy, nine years old, in one of our western cities, of hydrophobia. On a Tuesday, he was playing with some other boys, when a big dog came dashing in thro' an open gate, came up behind the boy, put his paws on his shoulder, and tore his clothes. The boy reached back with his hand, which had a slight wound upon it from a cut, and chanced to strike it in the dog's mouth. He then went into the house, partially covered with foam, or slobber, from the dog, and his mother washed and cleaned him up. That same day in the afternoon he was sent out for some water, and came crying, "Mamma, I can't get the water. I can't see it. It hurts me." He complained of earache, and said he was tired and sick. He was then put to bed, where he remained in an extremely nervous state. On Saturday, he began to bark, and told his father and mother to go away from him, saying that he was afraid he would bite them. The least sound threw him into a paroxysm, and he would get up and run about the room, crying out that that awful dog was after him. "Water hurts me," he continually moaned. The skill of the physicians was of no avail, and in the evening the poor little fellow asked his father to come to him, and said, "Sit down, Papa. I'm going to die, pretty soon, and I shant never see the big bright sun, or the green grass, or play with the other boys any more. I know I've been naughty, sometimes, papa, but please forgive Benny, won't you? and pray to dear Jesus to take care of your little boy." As the sad-hearted father knelt by the bed-side, the tiny hands folded in supplication, the tired worn features took on a calm, sweet expression, and Benny's spirit passed away.

From an editorial in a New York paper we copy the following: "Newspapers cannot be infallible, and it is too much to expect them to be unbiased, but the people should hold them to strict responsibility for common fairness and honesty. A reckless lie printed in a newspaper should blast its reputation and destroy its influence as effectually as it would those of an individual who had uttered it with his tongue." [We endorse that.—Ed. B.]

Persons who are always innocently cheerful and good humored, are very useful in the world; they maintain peace and happiness, and spread a thankful temper amongst all who are around them.

A Roman Catholic bishop in a recent speech, among other things, spoke of the persecutions and cruelties, by the pagans, of the early Christians. We began to reflect, and came to the conclusion that for persecution and refined cruelty and torture, the Papists and Inquisition far outstripped the pagans. It is estimated by reliable authority, that, from the time when Boniface III was installed pope in 606 down to recent times, no less than fifty millions of lives were destroyed by the papist persecutions and cruelties.

Many years ago, says an exchange, the daughter of Jas. Martin, a well-to-do farmer, purchased an expensive dress against his wishes, and she sent him a comic valentine, representing a miser. He never spoke to her afterwards, and lately died, leaving \$15,000 to each of his children except this daughter. For her he left a sealed envelop, which, when opened, was found to contain her old valentine. That was her recompence for so shameful and disrespectful conduct towards a parent.

A wealthy farmer in Minnesota, Schram by name, is said to have leased his homestead to Alex. Weir, conditioned that all the increase of live stock on the farm should be equally divided between them. The wife of the lessee gave birth to a son, and now the landlord claims one half the baby, and has entered a suit in court to prevent its removal. [Perhaps it's to keep the tenant.]

A Mrs. Harris, of Topeka, Kansas, having lost her husband, erected a plain granite shaft to his memory, and had carved upon its base a representation of writhing snakes, with his name and age, and the words, "Died of Delirium Tremens." What a sad end and warning to the slaves of strong drink. But what care those who supplied him with the poison? If all tombstones should tell the exact truth, instead of flattery, there would be many distressing records.

30 millions of citizens are waiting for a chance to pass the Nevada Legislature on the back if the bill passes which makes it a misdemeanor for any woman to wear a hat at a theatre [why not include churches?—Ed. B.] of greater height than three inches. *Balt. Free Press.*

A 14-year old boy by the name of Lewis R. Robinson died a few days ago in Philadelphia, from narcotic poison, as pronounced by a coroner's inquest. He smoked cigars, and cigarettes, and chewed tobacco. Faugh!

A certain writer, speaking of worldly honors, says: "Glory is a vain word. The devil and Sarah Barnhardt are perhaps the only two celebrities universally known."

The strike of the feather workers in New York, girls and women, has been declared off. They were defeated.

454 licenses to sell liquor in one county, Lackawanna, were granted at Scranton, Pa., on the 14th of March.

"Hello, Moses, wot's de matter wid ye?" "Indizition." "How's dat?" "Haint had nothin' to digest lately."

It is said there are 9000 Chinese residents in N. York.

At Adrian, Mich., a lady saw an engine house with a steeple, and innocently asked a gentleman attendant, "What church is that?" The gentleman, after reading the sign, "Deluge No. 3," replied, "I guess it must be the Third Baptist."

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NOTICE.

With the present number of "The Basket," another term of six months ends.

When our last No. was issued we were undecided as to whether to continue our little paper or not, as it requires a good deal of time, and thought, and care, and costs in these particulars more than it brings in. But we have received so many kind words and messages, together with more "substantial" evidences of favor, that we seem to have no choice in the matter. Beside the prompt payment of what was due by many of those to whom we sent mems., a number have paid in advance for the coming six months, and some for even a year, notwithstanding our positive announcement that we will not obligate ourselves to print the paper for more than SIX months. We rather regret this, for, if from any cause, the paper should be stopped at the end of six months, they will be losers, unless we are in a position to refund. Nevertheless, we appreciate the kindness, and shall start for another six months with the next No.

Having accidentally omitted to give the names of the Commissioners of Appeal in our last number, we now give the complete list of the Borough Commissioners for Haddonfield—J. Morris Roberts, Charles H. Hillman, Jehu Wood, W. J. Boning, Joseph F. Kay.

Commissioners of Appeal.—Abel Hillman, 337 votes; John H. Lippincott, 326 Geo. D. Stuart, 328.

The New Jersey State Medical Society has appointed Drs. Stevenson, of Haddonfield; Lehback and Pennington, of Newark, and Dr. English, of New Brunswick, a committee to report upon the propriety of having a State Board of Medical Examiners, to be appointed by the Governor.

We were quietly at our work a day or two ago, when we were startled by such a furious rapping at the door, that we almost feared to open it. But we found only two harmless women, one of whom threatened prosecution if we said any more about some dancing affair. O! We didn't know either. May the Lord bless them.

In New York, on the 30th day of April, 1779, Gen. George Washington was inaugurated the first President of the United States; and the Conference of the Methodist church being then in session in the same city, was the first religious denomination, through its bishops, to send a message of congratulation to him, and to express sentiments of respect and admiration for the Constitution and loyalty of the infant nation: To which Washington returned an appropriate and appreciative reply. Extensive preparations have been made to celebrate the 100th anniversary of this great event, and a vast crowd will be in New York on that day, and the two following, as various ceremonies are arranged for three days.

The Haddon House, has been reported as having its name changed. This is not so. It is still Haddon House, and is now open for boarders, by Mr. Baxindine.

Easter Sunday was a fine day, and some of our churches profusely supplied with flowers and ornamental plants.

At the Episcopal Church the Easter offering amounted to \$347 67, which is devoted to the fund for the erection of Church and Parish buildings. It is the largest amount ever collected upon that festival.

At the Presbyterian church suitable exercises were observed—responses, etc., by the Sunday School.

At the Baptist church there was a Baptism service, nine candidates submitting to the ordinance.

At the evening service in the Methodist church, several instruments were introduced, including riddles, big and little. As to the tunes sung in the preliminary service, two pieces were good, that is, the one with a short solo, sung by a lady, introducing the chorus; and one after the long solo by a female. These had some sweet notes in them. The anthem was fairly rendered, but wasn't it pitched too high, causing a strain on the voices? As to the rest, well, perhaps our education is at fault here, and we are not capable of appreciating the music of "trained voices." Or, were the tunes selected at fault—not the singing? The instruments were used in the regular service. Do the thoughtful members of the church really approve of this "departure?"

Friends' (Orthodox) Yearly Meeting in Philadelphia, closed on Friday last. It was largely attended. Haddonfield and vicinity was well represented, as a goodly portion of Friends reside within these bounds. According to the report of the committee on the liquor question, less than 200 friends use intoxicating liquors, and these mostly elder.

John Wanamaker, our new Postmaster General, has had two grand receptions in Philadelphia. They were largely attended, and indicated the esteem in which he is held by his friends and the community in which he has achieved great success in business, and as a high-toned moral and religious man. He takes strong ground in favor of the Prohibition amendment, saying "God's going to count votes. Vote for prohibition and you will be voting for Him, for order, for religion, and for the highest civilization. He will see every ballot."

The Camden Co. Convention of the Women's Christian Temp. Union assembled in Haddonfield last Tuesday—in the morning and afternoon in Wilkins' Hall, singing, speeches and recitations. In the evening at the Baptist church, Mrs. J. T. Ellis related a number of touching incidents. Mrs. Stone sang a pleasing solo in good style, and Rev. Mr. Gressimer made a nice little speech. A lunch was provided at the G. A. R. Hall.

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Entertainment in Jersey Building, April 25, by Presbyterian church.

The Prohibition amendment was defeated in Massachusetts last Monday. It is said there are more houses of ill-fame in Boston than N. Y. or Chicago. Runaway.

Wm. J. Coit, of New York, formerly of North Carolina, has moved into Dr. Stevenson's house, on Railroad Ave. He is employed in the Bank of America, Philadelphia.

Wouldn't it be a wise thing if the Republicans and Prohibitionists would unite at the next election and secure a respectable Legislature for New Jersey, and not one that will be a disgrace to the country? Runaway.

DIED--In Haddonfield, on the 16th inst., WILLIAM M. HOOPES, in the 69th year of his age.